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Christy Keane's nearly 3-month-old daughter was diagnosed with congenital hearing loss. She had hearing aids put in this month.

Love comes through loud and clear

Baby with hearing loss reacts to mother's voice for first time

By Mary Beth Gahan
The Virginian-Pilot

VIRGINIA BEACH

When Charlotte Keane failed her first hearing test in the hospital after she was born Aug. 2, doctors cautioned that it could be fluid in her ears. Christy Keane – her mom and a neonatal intensive care nurse for eight years – didn't worry too much.

But Charlotte flunked the second test, and a third. Finally, her parents were referred to a specialist who diagnosed Charlotte with profound congenital hearing loss in both ears.

She was deaf.

Her mother cried. She worried the silence was scary for Charlotte – especially in the dark of the night.

"It broke my heart for her," Keane said.

Now, a YouTube video she

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KENNEDY FILES: SEX, CIA PLOTS AND THE RUSSIANS

Released files give a fascinating look into politics and intrigue surrounding the assassination.

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Dry paper collage is a cheap, easy way to add creativity to your home.

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13 years later, a lead in woman's slaying

CARRIE SINGER'S BODY was found near Smithfield in 2004. A fresh look at DNA evidence could yield a suspect soon.

the case

The body of Carrie Singer, 28, was found with two sets of DNA. A new analysis of one has produced a likely profile of the killer, which led investigators to a person of interest.

new lead

This composite portrait was created from DNA found at the scene. The image produced a lead to a Virginia Beach man whose DNA investigators are having tested. Results are expected Monday. He has not been charged.

By Ryan Murphy
The Virginian-Pilot

NEWLY TESTED DNA evidence from a 2004 cold case murder in Isle of Wight County has led investigators to name a Virginia Beach man as a person of interest.

Thirteen years ago, a hunter stumbled across the body of 28-year-old Carrie Singer, beaten and half-naked in a field just outside Smithfield.

Investigators believe Singer was killed within a day of being discovered, but her body was in such bad shape that they still don't know whether she was raped.

For years the slaying has haunted the Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, and investigators have reopened the case before without success. A renewed effort and new technology may have given deputies their biggest break yet.

Lt. Tommy Potter said investigators have two sets of DNA – one pulled from Singer's body and another from items left at the scene. But the

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high school football

King's Fork beats Deep Creek 20-14 in an overtime thriller. Read about all Friday's games in **SPORTS**

Hampton Roads has seen at least $3.8M of political TV ads so far

Sound like a lot? It's not. There are plenty that only air elsewhere.

By Brock Vergakis
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

It may feel like every possible political commercial that the candidates for governor can come up with is airing in Hampton Roads.

But data compiled by the nonpartisan Virginia Public Access Project show that TV viewers see different ads in different areas, as the candidates tailor their messages to specific audiences.

Fifteen commercials ran from Oct. 17 to 23. Only one aired in all four of the state's largest media markets: Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, Richmond and Roanoke.

That ad was from Republican Ed Gillespie. It criticizes Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam for missing board meetings of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and a

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partly sunny

High: Lower 70s.
Low: Lower 60s.

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Whitaker's attorneys say sheriff's staffers misled jury

They want the fraud and forgery charges he faces thrown out

Portsmouth Councilman Mark Whitaker is set to stand trial next month on 20 felony charges.

By Scott Daugherty
The Virginian-Pilot

PORTSMOUTH

Defense attorneys for Councilman Mark Whitaker want his fraud and forgery charges tossed, arguing that Sheriff's Office investigators were "essentially setting up" their client.

In court documents filed Thursday, attorneys Jon Babineau and Don Scott also asked retired Hampton Circuit Judge William Andrews III to remove the special prosecutor assigned to the case. They argued that Andrew Robbins should have prevented the two investigators from providing the special grand jury with "false, misleading or otherwise untrue evidence."

"The Sheriff's investigators presented significant, uncorroborated testimony in order that Whitaker would be cast in a very unfavorable light to the grand jurors," the attorneys wrote. "If the special grand jury had been provided the verified, solidly corrob-

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